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Dedication

We, the people of Mayodan, dedicate this week, May 11-18, of nineteen hundred and seventy-four as a time for reflection and nostalgia. We pause to reflect on the religious, educational, artistic, and industrial achievements of those individuals who strove to create and enrich this small piedmont community.

This legacy, though modest in scope, represents the rural southern tradition; the hospitality and warmth of this community influenced greatly the lives of those who have lived here. We recognize that this modest historical endeavor deserves more time and effort to delve beyond the surface; however, we hope this commeration will inspire further opportunities for appreciation of our heritage.

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Introduction

"Believe it or not", according to the cartoonist, Robert Ripley, "Mayodan is the only town in the world with that name — it lies at the junction of the Mayo and Dan Rivers."

Mayodan's history is a confused story of legend and facts, pieced together by word-of-mouth of the old timers and a few records left behind. Unfortunately limited time now prohibits thorough research. Therefore, this historical account is condensed and incomplete.

American history inevitably begins with Indians as our first inhabitants. The last tribe of any size to live in this area before the white settlers arrived were the Sauras.

Two famous Indian trails cross the Dan River near the center of North Carolina. One courses its way through Rockingham County as the warpath used by the Iroquois and Catawba tribes, possibly running along what is now the Norfolk and Western Railway to Roanoke, Virginia.

In 1728, William Byrd's surveying party encountered Indians in this area as did the Moravians searching for Wachovia.

With time, these Indians also disappeared. Our only reminders of their presence are fragments of pottery, arrowheads, and tobacco pipes sometimes found along our river banks and streams.

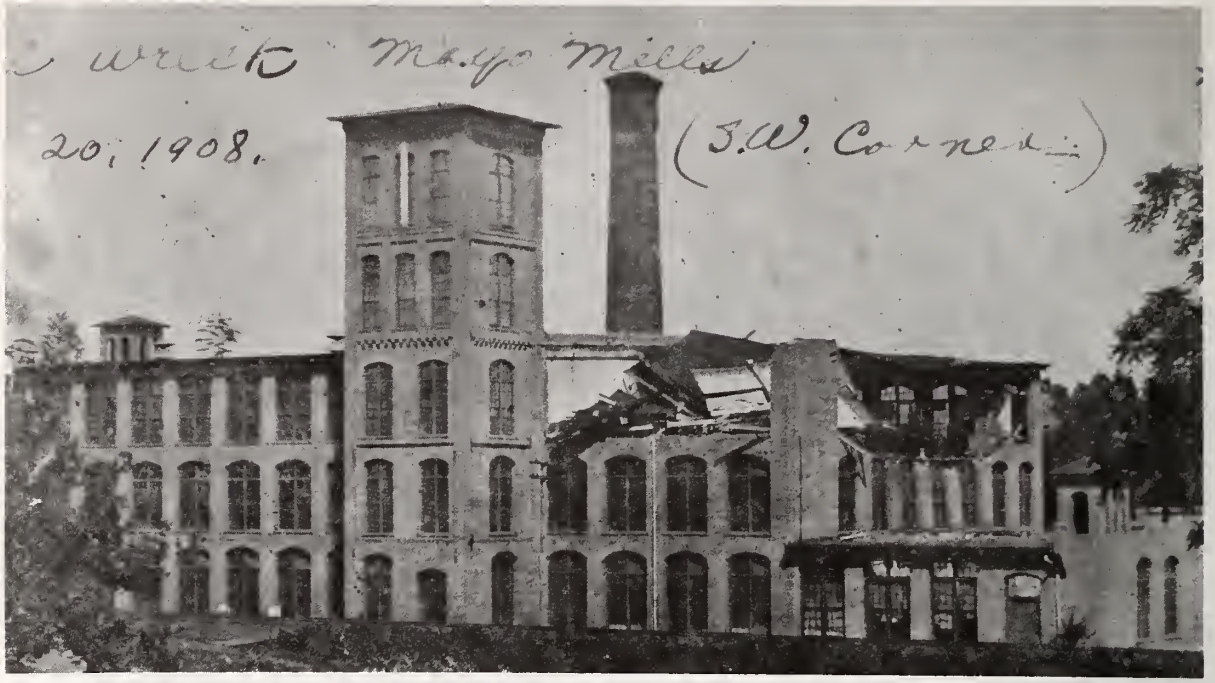
In 1883 plans were inaugurated by a group of Winston-Salem men to build a railroad through the Mayo River valley from Salem, North Carolina, to Roanoke, Virginia, to be known as the Roanoke and Southern Railroad. Construction began in 1887, under the direction of Francis Henry Fries, son of a Salem textile manufacturer. The railroad was opened by January of 1892 at a cost of two million dollars, but was later sold to the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company.

While building the railroad, Colonel Fries became impressed by the geography surrounding the Dan and Mayo Rivers, running between two high ridges known as Baughn and Cedar Point Mountains. The falls in the Mayo River promised power for manufacturing and became a deciding factor in the plans of Colonel Fries, William C. Ruffin, and Washington Duke to build a cotton mill along the railroad bed in 1892. Fogle Brothers of Winston-Salem made the bricks and erected the building. Adopting the name Mayo Mills, operation began in April of 1896 with the manufacture of uncolored yarn. The original building is still in use as part of the tremendous complex of the Washington Mills.

Colonel Fries became first president of Mayo Mills but maintained his office in Winston-Salem. W. C. Ruffin, Secretary and Treasurer, built a home in Mayodan and became plant manager. The Mayo yarn soon became an outstanding product in the knitting trade.

Named after the converging Mayo and Dan rivers, Mayodan was chartered as an incorporated town in February 16, 1899, with W. C. Ruffin as its first mayor. His now remodeled home is occupied by the Don Stillwell family.

Toward the completion of the Mayo Mills, Colonel Fries cast his eyes up the river, two miles north, and soon began building a new mill and the new town of Avalon. Mr. Edgar L. Hege moved to Avalon to superintend the mill. As the demand for Mayo yarn had become greater, this mill was equipped to supply colored knitting yarns. This operation thrived until the late afternoon of June 15, 1911, when a machine caught fire as workers prepared to leave for the day. Efforts to save the mill were futile, due to failure of part of the water system, considered one of the best in the South. The people of Avalon stood on



Original mill after being hit by a cyclone in 1908

the hillside greiving and praying as their livelihood went up in flames that obscured the setting sun.

With the mill gone, Colonel Fries announced to the shocked townspeople that Avalon would be relocated. The fifty or so dwellings were moved, one by one, on logs drawn by horses and mules to the Mayo Mills area. Many of the residents reluctantly followed their homes to Mayodan, while others sought new areas to begin life anew. A single house was left for the occupancy of a maintenance supervisor of a new power plant built to increase the power of the Mayo Mills.

Today, vivid memories remain among Avalonians transferred to Mayodan, and sometimes hours are spent in reminiscing when two or three get together. The land bought by Piedmont Land and Manufacturing Company, anticipating the Mayodan site, was subdivided by Francis B. Kemp, a Piedmont realtor, and laid out in even blocks and Avenues extending North and South and with streets running East and West. Early businesses in Mayodan included a general store operated by S. P. Tesh, on the site now occupied by the N & W Exxon Station on Second Avenue; "Dr." John Ault's (veterinarian) unique drugstore near the railroad and central well, where one could buy ice cream by such names as "Razzle Dazzle," "Horses Neck," and "What's It," according to legend.

Land purchases from Robert Lewis by the Piedmont Land and Manufacturing Company were sold for a minimal sum. The average cost for the construction of a home rarely exceeded $1,000.00. J. E. Dempster, Norfolk and Western Railroad agent, recalled that he paid only $800.00 for his five-room house on Main St. Still standing today, it is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Zip Payne.

Mr. Dempster described early Mayodan as "a wildwoods wilderness, as dark as darkest Africa." Mr. Dempster was Railway agent from October 30, 1899, until his retirement in 1941. Mrs. Dempster served as clerk at the station from 1906 until 1941.

While Washington Mills continues to be the chief industry in Mayodan, great strides have been made to release the community from mill-dominance of any kind. They made it possible for all Company-owned houses to be purchased by their occupants. Most residents immediately bought their homes and began to improve and beautify them. Later the town bought the water plant from the mill, and, more recently, has erected its own sewage disposal plant.

In 1911 a knitting mill was constructed at Mayodan to manufacture men's and boy's underwear. This made the mill a vertical operation — from fiber to finished goods, ready to sell. This also meant new machinery and new processes which the employees mastered in a short time and soon the MAYO brand on heavy weight union suits for men and boys became a symbol of quality.

THREE OF MAYODAN'S ORIGINAL CITIZENS who helped pioneer the town's growth are shown above. Left to right are W. N. Poole, 85-year-old retired merchant; J. E. Dempster, retired agent of the Norfolk and Western Railroad, and T. W. Lehman, 79, retired master mechanic of the Washington Mills Company. They are shown looking at a globe of the world during a conversation on current events. However, they are adept at recounting the town's history. The stove is used in a furniture store bequeathed by Poole to his son.

In 1921, Colonel Fries merged the weaving mill at Fries, Virginia and the mill at Mayodan, N. C. to form the Washington Mills Company. The merger was successful for the Company survived the depression years when many companies went broke.

The unique employee-employer relationship that has existed with the company is shown by the fact that two of its employees started as messenger boys and went on to become officers of the Company. Frank Tulloch became treasurer and C. H. Reid became secretary.

Demand for MAYO underwear continued to increase and an additional 100 feet was added to the knitting mill at Mayodan in 1932 and another addition in 1934. Lightweight underwear, athletic shirts and briefs were added to the production in 1935. A third addition was made in 1941.

Following World War II, the company added sportswear — men's and boy's "T" shirts in color, polo shirts in several styles for men and women. A new brand name MAYO SPRUCE was adopted in 1954 to supplement the well-known MAYO brand. MAYO SPRUCE line includes "T" shirts, briefs, children's sleepers, thermal shirts and drawers, football jerseys, baseball shirts, warm-up suits and many different styles in knit sport shirts. For the first time, the Company initiated an extensive national advertising program.

To meet production demands, the company opened a new garment plant at Dobson, N. C. in 1952 and a modern knit goods plant began operation in Marion, N. C. in 1961.

In October 1972, negotiations for a merger with Convenient Systems, Inc. were begun and in December, 1972, an overwhelming majority of shareholders approved the merger. Today, the plants at Mayodan, Dobson, Marion and the newly acquired Diener Industries, Inc. of Leesport, Pennsylvania, compose the Washington Mills Company, a subsidiary of The Washington Group, Inc.

Officers of the Washington Group, Inc. are:

Walser A. Blackwood, Chairman of the Board
Smith Bagley, President and Chief Executive Officer
James R. Gilley, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary
John D. Siewers, Vice President
Douglas Dillard, Vice President
George Fulk, Treasurer

Unique in our area is the fact that the new management feels that the word "employee" does not reflect his true worth and all are now called "members".

Mayodan Streets Get First Coat of Tar

Mayodan streets got their first coat of tar as shown above with the huge truck leaving its blanket over the streets at one passing. The WPA project progressed rapidly as workers made an effort to complete the work before cold and bad weather began. — (Journal State Photo.)

Washington Mills Company
Presidents

1895-1931 — Colonel Francis H. Fries
1931-1951 — Agnew H. Bahnson
1951-1964 — R. Arthur Spaugh
1964-1972 — Walser H. Blackwood
1972 — Francis C. Carter

Mayodan General Managers

1896-1920 — W. C. Ruffin
1920-1956 — W. H. Bollin
1956-1971 — J. T. Cashion
1971-1974 — D. B. Stilwell, Jr.
1974 — A. R. Osteen, Jr.

Among early exciting events in Mayodan is the visit of Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, and John Willis, with their two black chauffers, on their way to the old Mica mine in Sandy Ridge in search of a special clay to be used in making cylinder records for Edison's "talking machine," today's record player. Harry Martin rode his bicycle down to the well to see the visitors. When Mr. Firestone noticed the bicycle had Firestone tires, he solicited the aid of Harry in checking their cars. After refilling the radiators and pumping air into the tires, the group left by way of the "swinging" bridge rather than by ferry.

New industries include the Pextile Corporation of America, incorporated in May of 1961, to manufacture knitted products from paper yarn, Burlington Industries and Macfield Texturing Company.

Civic clubs include Rotary International, Lions International, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Mayodan Woman's Club, Mayodan Junior Woman's Club, the Fireman's Auxialiary, Mayodan Garden Club, Mayodan Senior Citizens, Boy and Girl Scouts, the M-M Saddle Club, and others.

Throughout its history Mayodan has been blessed with competent doctors and pharmacists. Dr. Thomas Clay, its present physician, has lived in Mayodan twenty-five years. Mr. Melvin Kendrick, pharmacist, opened Mayodan Pharmacy, Inc., on May 1, 1966.

My heartfelt thanks go to the many friends who have lent encouragement and made contributions to this inadequate endeavor to memorialize our town of Mayodan including Mesdames Dorothy Ledbetter, Bryant Williams, Violet K. Young, Martha Alley, Ray Osteen, Ben Archer, J. C. Johnson, A. G. Farris, Landon Vernon, James Collins, Troy Montgomery, Veocie Goad, Isabelle Vernon, and Daisy Joyce; Misses Lettie Crouch, Lorene Baker, and Irene Money; and Messrs Banner Shelton and William Johnson, Jr., William "Billy" Barrow, Carl Cardwell and Don Pulliam.

For editorial assistance I am deeply indebted to Ola Maie Suttenfield Foushee, author of the feature story, "Avalon, the Town that Disappeared," published in 1958 by the *Greensboro Daily News,* and in 1970 by the *Winston-Salem Journal.* Also, for her correction of typographical errors in her feature stories. Mrs. Foushee is a native of Avalon who later lived in Mayodan until 1919.

The Lindsay Family

Reuben Taylor Lindsay was born March 20, 1787, one of six children born to Joshua and Amelia Vernon Lindsay. He moved from Culpepper County in Virginia to Rockingham County. In 1815 he married his first cousin, Sarah Tinsley Wall, daughter of Richard and Sarah Vernon Wall. Six children were born of this marriage — Joshua, James, Robert, Morrison, Taylor, and Missouri Adeline Lindsay.

In 1816 and 1822, Reuben Lindsay acquired land along the Mayo River and he also probably inherited land from his father's estate after his death in 1813.

Reuben Lindsay died March 6, 1872 and was buried on Shiny Rock hillside west of Mayodan. A rock wall was built around his grave and remained there until sometime in the 1860's when Robert Lewis bought this tract of land. Lewis's sons dismantled the wall and used the rock to line a well and for use in the foundation of their Shiny Rock Bar Room.

SMITHS

In 1840 Reuben Lindsay's heirs sold 783 acres of land for $6000 to Dr. Samuel Smith. This tract included what was later known at the Joyce, Webster, Gentry, and Mill Tract. A portion of this land along the Mayo River began along Main Street today, ran north and included the area of what is known today as Mayo Lake.

Samuel Smith (son of Joshua), a prominent teacher, built the "Shady Grove Academy", or classical school on the north edge of his land. The Academy remained for a number of years until it was destroyed by fire in the 1870's.

Samuel Smith sold 543 acres of his land to Jackson Scales and during the same year he sold it to Jones W. Burton. Burton married a daughter of Samuel Smith and in 1858 they sold the land to Robert Lewis.

Wall-Cardwell Home

The Wall-Cardwell home on the Old Petersburg-Moravian Road (Eden highway # 135) in 1854 was built by Joshua Smith Wall, son of James and Sallie Smith Wall, and grandson of Robert and Fannie Parsons Wall who came from Culpepper County in Virginia.

Joshua acquired the land from Valentine Allen which spans the Mayo from now extinct Avalon, including the mountain extending a considerable distance down the river to the Dan Valley Church, sometimes called "Wall's Chapel."

The rooms of this colonial dwelling are large and high-pitched. The hall is wide with double doors at the back. The wide front walk bordered on each side with English boxwood have grown to such size that they almost meet across the walk.

Although the home has been modernized, the interior is well preserved and offers an ideal setting fro the family heirlooms with which it is furnished.

The Wall-Cardwell home, as it is known today, was named for Mary Wall and Wallace Cardwell when they married and moved into the house as bride and groom. Caroline Cardwell and her niece, Rosa B. Martin, are the present day occupants.

R. J. Reynolds, a relative of the Walls, who later founded a tobacco empire, often attended parties at their home and is purported to have "paid court" to his cousins, the Wall sisters.

The Lewis Family

In 1858, Robert Lewis purchased land from William Jones Burton and built the first home in Mayodan. His wife was Mary Elizabeth Bryson of Wytheville, Virginia. This log house was later absorbed into the present Mayodan Hotel (a family picture hangs in the Mayodan Library showing the first building). Ten children were born of this marriage, five boys and five girls. A granddaughter, Katherine Lewis Cahill wrote the following account of her family that is also filed with pictures in the library.

"My forefathers came from Wales, England, to Charleston, South Carolina in early 1700 to establish homes in the New World in order to gain freedom of religion, rights to education, liberty and social privileges. Arriving in Charleston they loaded their families and meager baggage on covered wagons drawn by teams of horses. They journeyed to Mayo Falls, later named Baughn Mountain. Here their horses gave out and their wagons broke down and they decided to go no further, crying, 'The Lord seems to be in this place."

Trees were felled for homes of several pioneer families — among these the Reuben Lindsays, "Tom Trix" and his sister, Cynthis Lewis, Robert Lewises, Lee Lautens, Pleasant Websters, William Jones Burtons, Billy Vernons, and Ben Webster who was killed with a hoe in his cornfield by one of his slaves.

Tom and his sister spoke in strange dialect, according to one writer, as they drank water from gourds, tended bee gums, dired herbs, and strung red peppers. Social life for some settlers included visits to the Lewis's Barroom at Shiny Rock hillside.

These settlers were sturdy, law-abiding people and several of the Lewis clan became preachers of the Gospel. Robert Lewis was one of Rockingham County's largest land owners. He claimed that land was the safest investment for a man's money. He was superintendent of Farms Estates and owned many slaves. They helped him transport tobacco products by the wagon loads from Virginia to Florida.

Robert Lewis sold 300 acres of land in 1890 to the Mayo Mills Company and moved his family to Beaver Island Creek section.

Robert and Mary Lewis, Birdy, Percy, and William are buried in the old Presbyterian Cemetery in Madison. Others are buried on the cliffs of Baughn Mountain with other first settlers.

C. P. Baughn Family

The Baughn family, like other early settlers in our county, came from Virginia. The earliest member of this family recorded in the Rockingham County deed book is a Henry Baughn, who in 1797 bought 131 acres of land on the south side of the Dan River.

Another Henry Baughn, who was born in 1777 in Virginia, settled on Baughn mountain north of Dan Valley around 1814 and took a prominent part in the life of the community. He served as a representative of the county in the 1819 Legislature and as Senator in 1825. In 1845 he established Madison's first school known as the "Old Male Academy." He also assisted in organizing the first Baptist Church in Madison. From this Henry Baughn, were descended the Baughn families of Mayodan, Leaksville and Stoneville.

One of the earliest merchants in Mayodan was Charlie Phillip Baughn, a great-grandson of Henry Baughn of Baughn's mountain. C. P.'s father, Henry, married Mildred Kallam and they lived in the northern section of the county near Anglin's old Mill on the Mayo River. As a result of several seasons of poor crops, this Baughn family moved to the newly established village of Mayodan in 1895. At this time Mrs. Hallie Fulton, a younger sister of C. P., who still resides in Mayodan, was 5 years old and remembers riding into Mayodan, sitting on the top of a cook stove in a two-horse wagon. C. P. and an older brother, Will, went to work on the Mill canal; his job was carrying water to the workers for the wage of 25¢ a day.

In 1902 he married Mertie Apple of Stokes County. Ten children were born of this marriage. In 1909 with a capital of $4.75 and a rented cook stove, he ventured into the cafe business which was located near the present parking lot beside Southern National Bank. Around 1910, he bought J. V. Ross's general store on the corner of Second Avenue and Main Street, and today is known as C. P. Baughn and Sons. The growing family lived upstairs over the store, and one of the children remembers sitting on the upstairs porch and seeing smoke of the burning Avalon Mill. The family continued to live over the store until 1917 when Mr. Baughn bought the Francis Kemp home which was built in 1898. The house and lot which included one-half block was purchased for $2350. The house is still occupied by two members of the family.

All of Mr. Baughn's sons (6) worked in his general store: today the modernized store is owned by the youngest son, Ray. Two other children went into the clothing store business and today operate a business in Mayodan.

There are several stories told concerning C. P., one being of the nickname he acquired along the way. During his younger days, he was at a dance, the band was playing Cuban music and he asked a young girl to dance. She refused his invitation, and it appeared he accidentally kicked her, perhaps being overly disappointed, and from that time he was nicknamed "Cubie".

The Watkins Family

Among the earliest settlers of Mayodan, originally known as Mayo Falls, were two brothers Archibald (1782-1828) and Spencer Watkins (1775-1846).

Their ancestors lived near Richmond, Virginia, for more than 100 years before migrating to the Mayo and Dan River area. Traveling in a caravan, wagons carried household and farming equipment. Family members rode in carriages and on horseback. Negro slaves were brought along to the new land to work in the crops.

Archibald's plantation along the Mayo spread from what is now Main Street southward to the present site of Raymond's Used Car lot in Madison. His large log house was built southwest of the Mayo Ball park. He lived in this house until his death in 1828. In 1829 his widow, Virginia Hooper Watkins, built a house in Madison and lived there until her death in 1867.

Spencer Watkins died in 1846 after which his family moved to Georgia and Alabama.

Among the descendants of Archibald and Virginia Watkins was John William Watkins who married Nannie Archer Woodburn. A daughter, Nancy Narcissa Woodburn Watkins, was born in 1885. Miss Nancy was reared by her grandfather, Captain Thomas McCuiston Woodburn and his daughter, Anna Caroline Woodburn of Madison. Nancy graduated from Madison High School and taught for two terms before entering college at the State Normal and Industrial College, now known as UNC-G in Greensboro. She also did graduate study at Columbia University in New York.

Miss Nancy taught school in Greensboro a number of years before retiring and returning to Madison to live with her Aunt Caroline. She was an avid reader and a recorder of history. Some of her works include the first written history of Madison and Mayodan, *"Four Blocks of Culture"*. Miss Nancy died on March 10, 1866 and, due to the strong resentment that her family cemetery in Mayodan had been desecrated by erections of buildings and streets, she willed her body to the Bowman Gray School of Medicine and her eyes to the Eye Bank.

The Watkins Cemetery

At the center of the old Town Cemetery in Mayodan was the graveyard of the Watkins family, believed by many to be an Indian burial ground. Archibald Watkins was the first to be buried here. In 1894, Mr. Thomas M. Woodburn concerned about the fate of this cemetery, wrote a letter to the Piedmont Land and Manufacturing Company which owned the land on which the cemetery was located. S. I. Spiggle, Secretary and Treasurer of the Company replied to Mr. Woodburn that a resolution had been passed that "the family graveyard on the Company property shall not in any way be interfered with, and shall remain untouched, no lots shall be laid off from it, nor streets projected through it."

In 1895 the promise was borken; the people of Mayodan began using the Cenetery as a Town Cemetery. A road was built passing through the center destroying the markers of the early pioneers who helped pave the way for others. Today cars pass over the crumbling remains of a once proud and wealthy family.

The slaves and Negro kin of the Watkins family were buried a block east of the Watkins Cemetery. Houses now stand where this cemetery was once located on South 2nd Avenue.

The J. B. Crouch Family

Joseph Brown Crouch, only son of Malphus F. Crouch, and Mrs. Elizabeth Brown Crouch, was born in Davidson County, May 2, 1867, and died in Mayodan February 19, 1932. (His sisters were Francis who was married to S. F. Morton, who later served as Pastor of the Mayodan Baptist Church (1910-1928). Cora was married to Robert A. Hauser, a railroad engineer, and Lettie married P. S. Preston of Belews Creek. Ada, a school teacher, was married to S. F. Lovell of Big Stone Gap, Virginia. Anna became the second wife of S. L. Lovell, seven years after the death of her sister Ada.)

J. B.'s love of trees and life-long habit of planting them began before the age of 10, when he and his father worked for their uncle, Moses Evans, an orchardist. His only schooling after the age of twelve was in night school taught in Salem. He became proficient in arithmetic, and joined a science club. Before age twenty-one, upon the death of his father, he built a house at 504 South Liberty Street, Salem, North Carolina, at which time his mother and sisters moved in. He went to work in Arista Textile Mill. Before 1900, Colonel Francis Fries asked J. C. Crouch to go to Mayodan and help with installation of the Mayo Textile Mill machinery, at which time he moved his family to Mayodan. He worked as foreman for May Mills for seven years. He bought a house on Second Avenue adjoining the Messiah Episcopal Church.

A book of records kept by J. B. Crouch about weather conditions which had to do with spinning the

cotton yarn thread shows that September 5, 1902 the weather was very cool, temperature 67°, humidity 69.

Leaving Mayodan in 1903, J. B. Crouch went to Big Stone Gap, Va., and worked as a partner with his brother-in-law, A. E. Sprinkle, a lumber manufacturer. Mr. S. P. Tesh without charge agreed to collect the rent of seven dollars a month on the J. B. house.

In 1914, J. B. Crouch returned with his family to Mayodan. His wife, Jennie Lind Sprinkle, was the only daughter of Obadiah Sprinkle of Wilkes County, who freed his slaves before serving in the Union Army, and received an honorable discharge for being disabled aboard a battleship. Mrs. Elvira Martin Sprinkle, Obadiah's widow, played in Dr. Rondthaler's piano concert in the Mayodan Moravian Church when she visited her children, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Crouch in Mayodan. (Educated at Davenport College of Lenoir, her home was at Ronda, Wilkes County. Two of her brothers closed their school books while at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, to join the Southern Confederacy. Both lost their lives for the cause.)

J. B. Crouch advised his friends to buy homes in Mayodan, and to take out life and fire insurance. He urged adults to be vaccinated against smallpox. (Being a planter of trees, at one time his town lots were veritable orchards of peach, apple, pear, and plum trees bearing fruit. Two grape vines, planted in 1932 were heavy with purple grapes in the summer of 1973.)

Mr. Crouch was proud of being an early settler of Mayodan. Once he was heard to tell some young teachers that Mayodan was settled by a good class of hardworking, honest Rockingham and Stokes County farmers. He, his wife and three children were baptized into the Mayodan Baptist Church.

cluding Superintendent of Sunday School, teacher, and Elder. His labor of love for the Men's Bible Class was closest to his heart and his Christian influence is still felt today.

Mr. Tesh died at his home on November 22, 1947. His funeral was conducted on the 51st Anniversary of the church of which he was a co-founder.

By Mrs. A. G. Farris

Samuel Parmenia Tesh

Samuel Parmenia Tesh was born in Davidson County on January 13, 1872, to David A. and Rosa Elizabeth Zimmerman Tesh. He was baptised as an infant in Friedberg Moravian Church and Confirmed there when he became of age. He received his early education in Davidson County and completed a business course at Yadkin College which later became High Point College. After college he went to work as a clerk in a general store in Salem. He came to Mayodan on July 23, 1894 to manage a general store owned by his Salem employer, which he later bought and operated for many years.

On his first Sunday in the village with no church, he and an old acquaintance from Salem, Howard E. Rhondthaler, held a service on the porch and yard of the Higgins Boarding house. Both men felt the need for a place to worship, and from this service they organized the Moravian Church, Mayodan's first church. Before the completion of the church many services were held in Tesh's store and Ault's Drug Store.

On October 23, 1900 Mr. Tesh was married to Mamie Hampton Price, daughter of John Hampton and Mary Elizabeth Dalton Price of Green Valley Plantation. He brought his bride to live at his home, known today as 200 North Seventh Avenue. To this union was born nine daughters and one son. They lived a long and happy life in this house which today still belongs to the family.

Mr. Tesh served his church in many ways, in-

Dr. Howard Rhondthaler

The Mayodan story would not be complete without the personality in the early years of Howard Edward Rhondthaler. Descending from a long line of Moravian ancestors, he was born in a Moravian parsonage in Brooklyn, N. Y. on June 17, 1871. He attended the Salem Boy's School and later graduated from the University of North Carolina. Soon after graduation he joined the surveying crew under the direction of Colonel Francis Fries, to map the "corkscrew route" of the Roanoke and Southern railroad. While surveying in this small settlement along the Mayo River, he became a spiritual leader and a friend to everyone. A bell-ringer would walk down the streets, crying "Preaching, a preaching" to announce the service that he and his followers planned.

By 1896 he had laid down his surveying tools and had received his divinity degre. He became the first pastor of the Mayodan Moravian Church during the same year.

In 1909 he became president of Salem Academy and held this position for forty years. He was ordained a Bishop, as was his father, Bishop Edward Rhondthaler.

In his own words he tells of his recollections of the early days of Mayodan:

"When I was one of group of railroad surveyors, trying to find a path through the wilderness from Winston-Salem to Roanoke, it was rough going near where the dam now stands. Particularly when you fell

into the Mayo River from the 20 foot cliffs, over which we had to scramble with our surveyor's instruments, rod and chain. The building of the dam and mill brought new citizens to this area, mostly from the mountains north and northwest. Mayodan had no streets then for it was a pioneer hillside with a surviving house, which later became Mrs. Higgins residence, (hotel and later first post office). Before long we were able to inaugurate religious services held in the yard of the Higgins house and in unfavorable weather, in the commissary of the the building crew and it was a funny sight to see a congregation seated where workmen ordinarily were fed at little rough tables and no furniture except a plank bench on each side of the table. Faily soon two stores were built, one of them for "Dr. Ault, druggist and veterinarian, the other for the merchant, S. P. Tesh. Divine services were held sometimes in one store and sometimes in the other, through the

kindness of the two storekeepers. The audience sat on counters, nail kegs, barrels, crates, and boxes, as best they could.

"In due time, the first two churches were erected, namely the Episcopal and Moravian, with fine fellowship between the Rector, whose name was Williams, and myself the Moravian pastor.

"Mayodan was well supplied with the red mud which for a long time constituted the streets, which was freely tracked by the feet of the worshippers and the workers wherever they went.

"Personalities of the time included: W. C. Ruffin, Superintendent of the Mill, Dr. Carter, Dr. Smith, Blackwell, S. P. Tesh, Mr. and Mrs. Ault, the Knight family, the Freemans, the life-time school teacher, Mrs. Weathersbee, the Crouches, the Dickens family, the Charlie Smith family, Mickey, and many, many others.

"I have always loved Mayodan because it is the place where two rivers and a mountain meet and make together a great manufacturing center. I have always felt that Mayodan folks lived sensibly and in a neighborly manner. I remember well the first Christmas that Mayodan ever knew and the beautiful first Christmas tree in the Moravian church.

"The people and their industrial products are well known, always with the familiar Mayodan name and the fine Mayodan reputation. I think the future of Mayodan is as solid as its mountains, as energetic as its two rivers, the Mayo and the Dan, and as cooperative as its school, its churches, and its mill."

W. T. Vernon

William Thomas Vernon (Will) was born November 14, 1890 in the Beaver Island community. He was the oldest son of twelve children of Alex and Martha Ann Joyce Vernon. As a boy he worked on the family farm and attended the old Jamison school for about 4 months of each year. In 1911 he worked for the Norfolk and Western Railway in Roanoke, and for a part of the year of 1912 worked for Virginia Bridge and Iron Works. In the spring of 1912 and 1913 he attended school at Whitsett, North Carolina, and played baseball to pay for his room and board and school expenses. His next venture in baseball was with the Greensboro Carolina League as a catcher for the team. He caught for the opening game of the season at Charlotte.

On December 27, 1914 he was married to Maggie Ziglar and moved to Mayodan in 1915. He worked as a Shipping Clerk for Mayo Mills and played baseball with Fieldale and Martinsville in the old Bi-State League. He managed the Mayodan team for a while and then became business Manager for the Bi-State League for several years. He served as a United States Commissioner from 1921 until 1972.

Mr. Vernon has led an active life and, although retired from Washington Mills since 1955, he has continued to deal in Real Estate which he started in 1930. He served as a Town Commissioner for 8 years, was Mayor from 1927-1930, serves as a Deacon for the Baptist Church, was Sunday School Superintendent for 20 years, and has been a Director of the Southern National Bank (formerly Bank of Mayodan) for the past 30 years. He still enjoys going to church, fishing, going to baseball games, and buying and selling property.

by Dorothy Ledbetter

J. F. Roach

"Uncle Jim" Roach, as he was known by many, was one of Mayodan's most widely-known business and civic leaders. Many citizens remember his General Merchadise Store on Second Avenue.

He came to Mayodan in 1897, and two years later married Rhoda Powell Mitchell.

As an active member of the Episcopal Church, he taught Sunday School for many years. He served on the Board of Directors for the Mayodan Merchants Association, was a committeeman for the Boy Scouts, and was an enthusiastic baseball fan.

The Money Family

Miles Columbus Money, Sr., was born in 1866 at Jonesville, N. C. In 1890 he married Effie Margaret Moore of Mills River. Two sons, James Wade and Zebulon Vance were born before the Moneys moved to Madison in 1895. One year later they moved to Mayodan, and at the turn of the century a daughter, Irene, was born.

M. C. was working with the grading crew of the Norfolk and Western Railroad when he was employed as a foreman of the Raw Cotton Department of Mayo Mills, He continued to work for May Mills and supervised the building of the water wheel

and the excavation of the canal.

In 1904 his wife died and Irene went to live with her maternal grandparents in Arden. She continued to live there until 1910 when she returned to Mayodan to live with her father who had re-married. Two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth, and one son, Miles C. Money, Jr., were born of this marriage.

In1907 Mr. Money began his first bottling of carbonated drinks in Walnut Cove, and in Beckley, West Virginia, in 1908. One year later he started the business in Mayodan in a small building on Second Avenue beside J. W. Austin's General Store. He was assisted in the bottling process by his son Zebulon while James Wade delivered bottled Coca-Cola and Flavors on a wheelbarrow.

In 1911 the bottling business was moved to a site at Main Street and Second Avenue near his residence. By this time delivery was made on a one-horse wagon, with two dozen bottles of Coca-Cola **selling for 65¢, and Soda Water for 60¢.**

A franchise was acquired in 1915 from the Coca-Cola Company of Atlanta, Georgia for the sale of bottled Coca-Cola in parts of Rockingham and Stokes County. A Ford bottle rack truck was used for delivery in the expanded area.

A great tragedy befell this growing business in the fall of 1919. A fire destroyed the building, two adjoining buildings, equipment, garage and trucks and the Money dwelling. As soon afterwards as possible a building on Main Street was purchased and the business was resumed. This building is still used today as part of the modernized and expanded plant. The operation is still a family business with Irene Money and associate, Banks Wade Money, in charge. Banks is the son of James Wade Money and grandson of Miles C. Money.

M. C. Money, Sr., died on January 3, 1936 in Madison where he had resided since 1924. Today he is survived by three daughters, Mary M. DeShazo, Elizabeth M. Laney and Irene Money.

Elder Rhudy D. Bell

Rhudy D. Bell lived in Mayodan for 93½ years, and at the time of his death was the oldest living citizen in Mayodan.

In 1928 he was supervisor of the Construction company which graded highway 220 from Mayodan to Price. During the depression days of 1928-30 he operated a refinishing and upholstery shop on Main Street, now the site of the Municipal Building.

He was ordained a Primitive Baptist minister in 1939 and served churches in Mayodan, Ridgeway, Virginia, and Reidsville, N. C. He continued his pastoral work as an honorary pastor until his death in 1972.

The Barham Family

The Barham family came from Wake County to Mayodan in 1896. Lois B. Johnson was the daughter of Robert Martin and SAllie Anne Tulloch Barham.

Mrs. Johnson vividly recalls the typhoid epidemic in 1904 as she, a brother, and a sister were victims of the fever. Almost every family was stricken by the fever. Her grandmother, Lucy Barham assisted by her boarder, Moravian pastor Howard Rhondthaler, visited the homes of the sick daily. The minister would scrub floors, bathe and comfort the men, while Mrs. Barham bathed the women and children and cooked their food. Such activity was typical of the "family" relationship of the townspeople in that day.

On April 7, 1917, Lois Barham was married to J. C. Johnson, son of Richard Johnson of Stokes County. He worked for Washington Mils as office manager until his retirement in 1955. He was elected as town clerk and served as a Commissioner for 24 years. Mr. Johnson and other interested citizens brought organized baseball to Mayodan which was known as the old "Bi-State League". During World War II he served on the local draft board, and later the Rockingham County Welfare Board. He was president of the Bank of Mayodan and co-owner and operator of an Insurance Agency.

Mrs. Johnson devoted most of her life to rearing their 4 children and to the extensive service of the community. She served on the School Board, the Rockingham County Library Board, Morehead Memorial Hospital Board, and for 22 years was the vice-chairman of the Rockingham County Democratic Executive Party. While she was member of the School Board, Mayodan School was not qualified as a High School due to the lack of a teacher. She was successful in obtaining monthly donations for the salary of an extra teacher for one year. This was a great achievement since local students had to attend hight school in Madison and their only means of transportation was walking or riding the train.

She remembers the many wonderful things W. C. Ruffin, Superintendent of Washington Mills, did for the town. He always had a Christmas tree that touched the ceiling in the old Episcopal Hall. All children of the mill workers were given beautiful gifts and no child was left out.

She also remembers how the mill workers toiled long hours, six days a week for approximately 10¢ an hour. After a long week of labor the townspeople were ready to celebrate on Saturday night. Many visited the Bar Room called "The Dispensary", and at times there were wild occasions.

She remembers that Dr. Carter was the first Mill doctor and was followed by Dr. Harrison. Dr. Harrison's wife was active in promoting sanitation progress for the people. As a result of her efforts, windows were screened and a sanitation wagon crew was hired to clean and spread lime as a disinfectant against germs. She felt that the typhoid and flu epidemics were encouraged through the common use of the existing contaminated wells or the "town pump". During World War I, Mrs. W. C. Ruffin

and Mrs. Harrison set up a sewing room adjoining Pool's store in which ladies volunteered to collect undergarments to be cut into bandage lengths for wounded soldiers.

By Mrs. Lois B. Johnson

The Luther Martin Family

Luther Martin moved from Stokes County to Mayodan, to become one of its largest land owners and distinguished merchants, when his son, H. Roy, was ten years old. Roy received his preliminary education in the Mayodan public schools and graduated in 1912 from the Philadelphia Optical College in Pennsylvania.

After graduation from college he returned to his home town of Mayodan to come one of its most colorful and outstanding citizens. He owned and operated the H. Roy Martin Jewelry and Optical Company located on Main Street.

For nine years he served as postmaster, operating the Post Office in his store. In 1931 he was elected Mayor of Mayodan and held this office until his death in 1948. During his early administration as mayor, the town's streets were paved, and water and sewer lines were laid. This project was financed through the WPA, and Mr. Martin was instrumental in securing the labor force for the project. He was vice-president of the Bank of Mayodan and a member of many civic organizations. He was also known for his sponsorhip of a concert series which were presented at the Pickwick Theater.

He was married to the former Mozell Carter of Rockingham County. Two children were born of this marriage, Felecia and H. Roy Martin, Jr.

Exceptional Citizens

George Carter (deceased) son of Mrs. Nick Carter and the late Mr. Carter was born December 25, 1935.

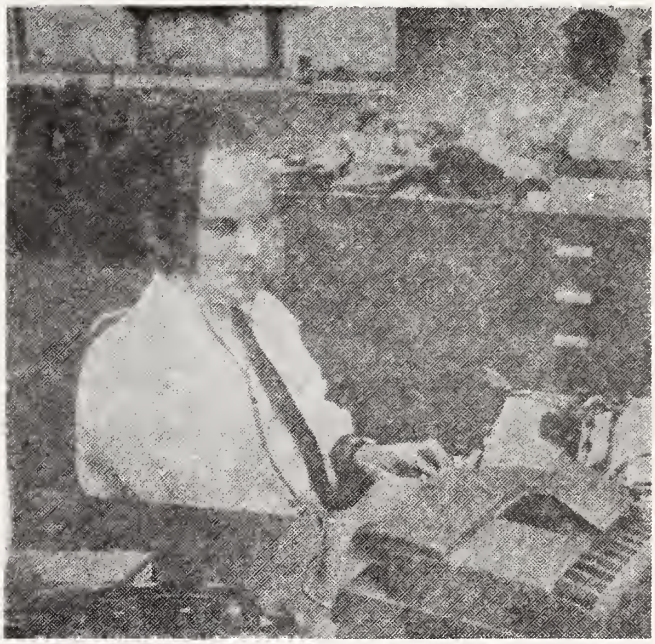
When he began to lose his sight at age 16, an operation was performed which proved to be unsuccessful. Within 10 months George was totally blind. His blindness did not prevent him from achieving success. In high school he was a member of the wrestling, bowling, and swimming teams, and earned the Red Cross Life-Saving Certificate. He was president and salutatorian of his graduating class. After graduation he entered the University of North Carolina on a four-year scholarship under the State Rehabilitation Program. In his senior year, he received two cash awards for the highest scholastic standing in Insurance.

For one year after college he could not find a job, but he soon secured a position with the Public Health Service Out-Patient Clinic in Washington, D. C. He typed medical reports dictated on records and used a medical dictionary in Braille.

Although handicapped by blindness, George continued to participate in sports, especially bowling. *The Washington Star* carried a feature story on George Carter, entitled "Not Without Vision" from which the following is reprinted: "Watching George Carter bowl, you would never suspect that he is blind. Many a bowler with good eyesight would be happy to match his high score".

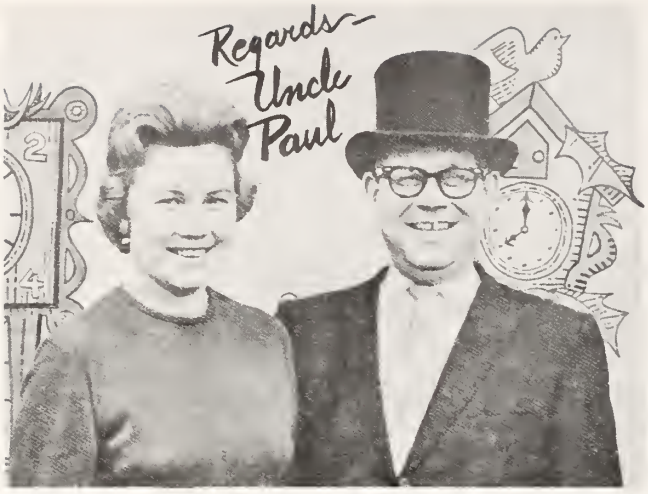
While living in Washington he maintained a bachelor apartment and even cooked many of his meals. He continued to live in Washington until his death on April 25, 1961.

By Mrs. Isabelle Vernon



Paul Montgomery

Paul Montgomery was born October 12, 1924 to Troy and Lottie Montgomery. Although born with a sight defect, Paul never let his handicap hamper his determination to become a success. He is best known today for his musical talent which was en-



couraged as a child by his parents and especially so by Mr. Elliott Duncan and Dr. and Mrs. Webb.

Even as a small tot he could beat out rhythm on the bottom of pots, and could play a guitar before he was large enough to hold it. Next came his interest in piano, and today he is an accomplished pianist.

Through the encouragement of friends, his parents enrolled him in the North Carolina School for the Blind in Raleigh. Here he continued tro pursue his musical career and even taught piano during his high school years. After graduation, he entered the University of North Carolina where he studied for one year. Being unhappy at college, he returned to Raleigh to live with one of his former teachers. He went to work as a staff member of radio station WRAL. Here he met and married Camilla Watkins, a secretary at the station. Two years later he accepted a position at station WFRC in Reidsville, working with "Tiny" Turner as a disc jockey. After much success in Reidsville, he returned to Raleigh and today is host of his own children's television program. "The Uncle Paul" show, viewed in this area on Channel 5. Paul has had great success as a recording artist, and performs for many civic and social functions. He and his family are members of the Lutheran Church where he serves as organist and musical director.

Paul and Camilla are the parents of two daughters; Kathy works as a secretary at State College, and Judy is a student at the North Carolina School of the Arts, in Winston-Salem.

Paul's philosophy for success is: "Anyone can get an education if he wants one badly enough."

Mayodan Moravian Church (1896)

The Mayodan Moravian Church, first in the community, had its beginning before the incorporation of the town. Early services were held in the yard of Mrs. Higgin's boarding house, present site of Holt's boarding house, in Ault's drug store, and in Mr. S. P. Tesh's store. Howard E. Rondthaler, an active Moravian layman and railroad surveyor in the area, and Samuel Parmenia Tesh, also a dedicated layman and the town's only merchant, called the worshippers together.

Soon money was raised for a church, almost entirely by private subscriptions among the laymen, aided by Mr. Francis Fries, an official of the Mayo Mills. A site was donated by the Piedmont Land Company and work began. The cornerstone was laid early in 1896 by the late Bishop Edward Rondthaler, father of Howard E. Rondthaler, with T. W. Lehman leading the congregational singing on the corner. Sunday, the 8th of November, 1896, marks the first service held inside the church and the beginning of a series of revival services, following which the congregation was organized on the 29th of November with fourteen charter members. By now ordained, Dr. Howard Rondthaler became the first pastor. Brothers S. P. Tesh, Wm. P. Berrier, and Mr. Tom W. Lehman, and other founders, zealously served the Church during their entire lifetimes.

Until a few years before his death, Dr. Rondthaler attended numerous celebrations of the Church, thrilling the audience with his recounting of the early struggles of the Church and the early days of **Mayodan.**

Original Mayodan Moravian Church

The Moravian Chapel provided quarters for the first public school in Mayodan, which opened on Monday, January 3, 1898, and for the first public library. Mrs. Lucy W. Weathersbee, the first teacher, was selected because of her interest in the Church and Sunday School. The old church has been greatly enlarged and brick incased. Pastors who have served this congregation include Howard E. Rondthaler, William Spaugh, Charles H. Wenhold, Edgar A. Holton, Carlton White, Clarence Crist, Ernest H. Stockton, Howard Foltz, Allen S. Hedgecock, Vernon I. Graf, Oswald E. Stimpson, William A. Kaltreider, John H. Kapp, Herbert Weber, Graham Rights, and E. Howard Housman.

Episcopal Church of the Messiah (1897)

The Church of the Messiah, Episcopal and first known as Grace Church, was founded September 6, 1897, under the leadership of the Rev. James H. Williams of Kentucky, with a charter membership of twelve.

The first Parrish Hall was constructed in 1906 under the leadership of the Rev. Alfred Berkley, priest for the area, and until 1924 when the school was built, served the town for both secular and sacred use — as a school, library, infirmary, recreational facility, playhouse, and Sunday School building. A new Parrish Hall was built in 1961.

Five of its area sons have become Priests in the Church: Rev. J. L. Martin, Rev. J. A. Martin, Rev. R. Hampton Price, Rev. W. P. Price, and the Rev. Ed-

mund Berkley.

The Church might never have survived but for the dedicated work of the late Elliott Duncan. The pulpit, constructed from his oak bed by Hersey Watson, remains a unique memorial to this Man of God. The bell tower, improved over the years, maintains its original design. The Rev. Terry Taylor is its present pastor.

The Pentecostal Holiness Church (1902)

Organized in 1902, the first worship services of this church were held in a small unfinished frame church on North Second Street, bought from the Primitive Baptist people. This building sufficed, with additions, until the present structure was finished in 1940 or 1941. Since then, the church has been remodeled, brick-encased, and two educational buildings have been added.

Pastors have been, O. J. Owens, founder, Rev. A. H. Butler, Wellons, H. R. Martin, J. H. Spain, P. F. Robinson, C. A. Stroud, C. Froble, L. F. Johnson, E. S. Beasley, J. L. Carter, J. W. Kelly, C. F. Noble, J. R. Hopkins, T. R. Howard, A. C. Correll, J. H. Puckett, J. W. Kelly, J. M. Shirlen, H. A. Gregory, Woodrow Smith, D. S. Schronce, H. J. Marley, and Paul Stanley present pastor.

Mayodan Primitive Baptist Church (1925)

Mayodan Primitive Baptist Church was organized in 1925 with 25 members led by Elder J. O. Pruitt of Draper, N. C. The original church is still being used today and is located on North 2nd Avenue. Surviving charter members are Mrs. Lula Watson and Mr. Charlie Hopkins.

Cedar Grove Primitive Baptist Church (1942)

The Cedar Grove Primitive Baptist Church was organized on August 1, 1942, with Elders J. W. Tuttle, Edd Priddy, and Eddie Martin serving as pastors. The frame structure is located on Ayersville Road in Mayodan.

Church of God (1949)

The Church of God, organied in 1949, under the direction of Reverend L. H. Hursh, is located on North Third Avenue. Its founding membership of fifteen now numbers sixty.

West Side Baptist Church (1962)

The West Side Baptist Church, organized on October 14, 1962, was originally named West Side Mission. A new brick structure has been erected on Ayersville Road. The membership started with 25 members and has grown to approximately 150 members today under the leadership of Reverend Wesley Mabe.

First Baptist Church of Mayodan (1901)

The Mayodan Baptist Church was organized in 1901 by Rev. William H. Wilson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Madison, assisted by Cabel Glidewell.

The first church building stood on a lot at the corner of Madison Street and Second Avenue until in 1918 the Washington Mills Company donated a lot near the Norfolk and Western Railroad at the corner of Main Street and First Avenue as the site for a new church. The old church was torn down and parts of it were used in the construction of the new brick building. A new sanctuary was added in 1951 to complete the building as it stands today.

The first parsonage was built in 1928 and served until 1970 when a new parsonage was constructed on the lot at the corner of Main Street and Seventh Avenue. The membership now stands at approximately 650, with Rev. Raymond C. Needham, as pastor.

The Mayodan Church was a member of the Pilot Mountain Association until 1947 when it withdrew and became a Charter Membert of the newly organized Dan Valley Association.

Under the leadership of Rev. Marvin Southard, a Mission was started in 1960 in the Woodbine area and became self-supporting in 1970 as the Woodbine Baptist Church with Rev. James Crews as pastor.

Mayodan United Methodist Church (1902)

On February 28, 1902, the Piedmont Land and Manufacturing Company deeded a plot of land at the corner of Main Street and Fifth Avenue to the Board of Trustees of the Mayodan Methodist Church. Construction of a church building began in March of 1902 and was completed by October of that year. Until that time members of the Methodist faith first met in homes and later in the Moravian Church, led by Rev. O. F. Sherrill and Mr. Z. Paris. Rev. J. A. Bowles, pastor of the Madison Methodist Church, also served this church from 1900 until 1901 when Rev. Amos Gregson was assigned to the Stone and Mayodan Circuit.

A new church was built in 1951 and dedicated on May 18, 1958. Mr. C. P. Baughn and Mr. Luther Richardson at that time presented the Mayodan Methodist Church to Dr. J. Clay Madison, Superintendent of the Greensboro District for dedication.

In 1968 the Evangelical United Brethren Churches and the Methodist Churches united into one religious denomination and adopted the United Methodist Church as their name. The Mayodan church as been under three Districts since its origin and has had thirty-eight pastors. Rev. Charles Adams is present pastor.

Mayodan School

In the early days of Mayodan before the town was incorporated several small private schools were held in rooms of churches and private homes. The present public school, however, had its beginning on January 2, 1898 in a wing of the Moravian Church. W. C. Ruffin, Superintendent of Mayo Mills was desirous of starting a local public school. In taking applications for a teacher suitable for a new school in Mayodan, he learned of Mrs. Lucy W. Weathersbee, who had taught successfully for many years and at that time was teaching in the vicinity of Elkin. She accepted the position and began teaching eighty boys and girls of various ages. As a Methodist, she taught Sunday School in that church for many years. Her students remember her refusal to accept "no" for an answer. She always replied "You can and you will".

About 1901 a three-room frame school building was erected on the present school site. Mrs. Weathersbee was principal of the school until 1912, with the exception of a year or two when Mr. Ray headed the school. After Mrs. Weathersbee gave up the principalship, she was succeeded by Miss Mamie Bennett of Ruffin, N. C. She held this position for six years. During her service two classrooms were added to the building.

In the fall of 1918, Elliott Duncan, a Stokes County young man who had just received a degree at the University of North Carolina, was elected to the position of principal. Within two years the student body had grown to the extent that eleven teachers were employed, and the building had been enlarged to contain eight classrooms. A nearby dwelling was also converted into three other classrooms.

In 1921, Mr. Duncan resigned and was succeeded by Charles Smith of Reidsville who remained for one year. He was succeeded by W. M. Stallings and he remained for four years. The present Elementary school building was erected in 1924, and two high school grades were added with Miss Irene Money and Mr. Stallings as high school teachers.

In 1926, E. F. Duncan, who had taught school elsewhere for five years, returned to take charge of the school. He continued in the capacity of principal until he retired at which time he was honored by the townspeople by the celebration of "Elliott Duncan Day."

In 1927, the Mayodan P.T.A. was organized with Mrs. J. F. McCuiston as president. This helpful organization continues to function as an important part of the school system today.

In 1933 a gymnasium was built by Washington Mills and presented as a gift to the school. High school students from Mayodan attended the Madison school until the County erected a high school wing. Two years prior to this Mr. Duncan and Rev. Mallet, Episcopal Rector, gave their services for eighth and tenth grade classes in the Parrish Hall. The first class for graduation was presented in 1932.

After Mr. Duncan's retirement, J. C. Atkinson became principal and was followed by Daniel LeRoux and J. P. Carter who is serving as principal today.

In March of 1958, Madison and Mayodan consolidated their high schools. A new modern building was erected and Governor Terry Sanford dedicated the new facility in October of 1961. C. E. Fleming was principal of the new high school, and Mayo Bundy was Superintendent of the City school systems. Carlton L. Sligh succeeded Mr. Bundy and continues as Superintendent today.

Town Government

Mayodan received its charter as an incorporated town on February 16, 1899. Little history of the early government of the town is available. This concise summary is, therefore, incomplete and many improvements unrecorded.

The population of Mayodan was approximately 200 to 225 when the first election was held in 1899. W. C. Ruffin was elected Mayor and L. W. Blackwell, C. G. Carter, and F. B. Kemp were elected Commissioners. Since the incorporation of the town, it has had twelve mayors, either by election or appointment to complete unexpired terms of those who died in office. They were W. C. Ruffin, Frank Kamp, J. O. Robinson, W. L. Pannill, John Ault (died in office in 1922), W. T. Shelton (appointed to complete unexpired term), Will Vernon, H. Roy Martin (elected in 1931, served until his death in 1948), A. G. Farris (appointed to complete unexpired term, re-elected), Robah C. Veach (elected in 1955, died in office), Clyde Dalton (appointed to complete unexpired term) and James A. Collins (elected in 1965) who still serves as Mayor today.

The following is a brief summary of progress since 1952:

1952 Town Hall (frame structure) was built on Main Street.

1955 Gladys Lundeen was appointed as Town Clerk. Town Charter was revised.

1960 The water system was purchased by the Town from Washington Mills Co. at the cost of $45,000. The water plant was enlarged and rebuilt for the cost of $175,000. Bill Redmond was appointed to serve as the Superintendent of Public Works.

1964 The program was started to curb and gutter streets.

1968 Fred Hamic was hired as the first Town Manager. A Bond issue was passed to build a new water reservoir and to lay larger water and sewer lines both in and just west and north of the City limits.

1969 Annexed the area west and north of the City limits, enlarging the area in square feet by 40% and the population by almost 30%.

1971 Bond issue passed for the purpose of paving, curbing, and guttering streets. Also an issue was passed for the construction of a new Municipal building.

1972 The Municipal building was completed and the officials and staff moved into the new quarters. Jerry Carlton, Town Manager.

1973 Revised the Town Charter. Hired the first full time Recreation Director.

1974 Completed the Bond program with 80% of all streets curbed and guttered and 90% of all streets paved.

Mayodan has progressed rapidly since 1899. Today's generation can look back over the 75 years of progress and visualize their responsibility for the continuing growth and Municipal participation which will constitute the future progress of Mayodan.

Dedication of new Municipal Building March 5, 1972.

Mayodan Volunteer Fire Department

The Mayodan Volunteer Fire Department was organized in 1948, with Eddie Weston as Fire Chief, followed by Troy Mitchell in 1952 and James Collins in 1954.

The Firemen constructed their Club House in 1956 which is used by the Firemen and the Firemen's Auxiliary for meetings and social gatherings. During 1957 two-way communication equipment was purchased along with all other Fire Departments in the County, thus making Rockingham County the only county in the state with 100% intercommunications system.

Sidney Taylor served as Chief in 1957 and James Collins again in 1960. A new fire engine was purchased in 1962. The firemen and interested citizens built a new fire house in 1963 at the corner of Third Avenue and Main Street. Sidney Taylor was again elected as Chief in 1965 and remained in this post until 1968, when Carl Cardwell was elected. Cardwell continues to hold the office today.

A new meeting hall was constructed in 1968 and a new fire engine was purchased in 1972.

Mayodan Police Department

Records of the Mayodan Police Department begin in 1949 with Claude Case, Chief of Police, followed in 1955 by Lem Shelton, in 1958 by Eddie Weston, in 1969 by Bill Glass, and in 1974 by Bobby Tilley, with Freeman Cooke.

Assistant Chief, Hackie Mabe and Eugene Coley Policemen.

A new Police Station and Jail was constructed in 1971.

Business, Government and Recreation

The Bank of Mayodan, founded May 1, 1916, began operation in a building on Second Avenue with capital stock valued at twenty-five thousand dollars. J. O. Ragsdale, the first president, and Marsh P. Black, cashier, lived in Madison, N. C. First directors were Jo. Busick, Sr., D. A. Rickes, J. C. Johnson, Sr., H. Roy Martin, M. C. Money, Sr., and C. H. Walters.

In 1934 J. C. Johnson, Sr., was elected president with H. R. Martin, vice-president. In 1937, Miss Elizabeth McDonald, succeeded M. P. Black as cashier. At this time the directors were H. Roy Martin, Irene Money, J. C. Johnson, Sr., Russell Johnson, C. H. Walters, and E. Frank Tulloch with J. C. Busick as Chairman.

In 1946, O. Rutley Barham became cashier. The bank soon moved to its present site on Main St. and continued its growth, merging, in March, 1967, with Southern National Bank of Lumbertown, North Carolina. Hector MacLean is president. O. Rutley Barham and J. C. Johnson are vice-presidents of the Mayodan and Madison branches of the Southern National Bank. The second branch opened in Madison in 1973 with Kathleen P. Griffin, cashier, Kenneth R. Hurd, assistant and W. H. Richardson, assistant vice-president.

The present directors for the Mayodan and Madison branches of the Southern National Bank are W. T. Vernon, Chairman; J. C. Johnson, Jr., O. Rutley Barham, Irene Money, W. Harvey Price, J. M. Mitchell, W. W. Mooney, D. L. McMichael, J. T. Knight, and Dr. Frank T. Webster.

Mayodan Post Office

Mayodan United States Post Office opened January 11, 1896 in the Lewis Farm House on Main Street. The first postmistress was Mrs. Eliza Higgins, a widow. While in charge of the post office, Mrs. Higgins also ran a boarding house, presently Mayodan Hotel.

Charles L. Walters was the second postmaster, appointed by President McKinley on August 22, 1901. Mr. Walters conducted the post office in a room of his general merchandise business, Mayodan Supply Store, presently the site of NuSupply.

H. Roy Martin, Sr. became postmaster under President Woodrow Wilson in April of 1914. He housed the post office in the front of his two story brick Jewelry store building on Main Street. Miss Bert Carter and Miss Buncie Martin assisted Postmaster Martin.

Charles L. Walters was appointed to serve a second time in March of 1922 under President Harding; he also served under Coolidge and Taft. Harold Myers was assistant postmaster during Mr. Walters' term. Mr. Martin and Mr. Walters at their own expense installed post office boxes which were rented by patrons. Mail was transported by the Norfolk and Western Railway, and Arthur Dempster, railway ticket agent, delivered the daily mail bags from the depot to the post office.

John V. Highfill became postmaster under President Franklin D. Roosevelt in July of 1934. He also served under Presidents Truman and Eisenhower, twenty-four years total service, retiring in September of 1958. At the beginning of Mr. Highfill's service, the post office was located in the building on the Corner of Main Street and Second Avenue, now a part of Nu-Supply. Miss Era Vernon and Miss Bessie Grey were clerks.

In 1950, the Post Office moved to its present site on Main Street adjacent to Southern National Bank. At that time the post office was re-rated from a Third Class to Second Class.

After Mr. Highfill's retirement, Mrs. Erlene Stevens was acting postmistress until the appointment of Noel Atkins in April of 1961.

City delivery service began in 1956. Postmen were Carl Cardwell, Walter Joyce, Nathan Mills, Edward S. Fallin, Edgar Robertson, and Houston Highfill. Cardwell and Joyce still deliver our mail, assisted by Ruby Richardson and William (Hoogie) Black.

Boy Scouts

The Boy Scouts of Mayodan was first organized by Henry A. Wiley, an Episcopal minister. In April of 1931 Troop 62 was chartered with Perry Ashe as Commissioner Chairman and Walter L. Fulp as Scoutmaster. Discontinued in 1932, the troop was reorganized in 1940 with Andrew T. Moore as Scoutmaster and Robert Wall as assistant, and a hut acquired for meetings.

In 1943 Floyd Purgason became assistant Scoutmaster to Mr. Wall, both of whom served through 1968. Mr. Wall was presented the Silver Beaver award for his 27 years of faithful service to the Scouting program. Paul Griffin served as Scoutmaster, with Carl Goard as assistant, from 1969 through 1970. William (Billy) Barrow and Frank Archer, III, assumed the two positions in 1971, assisted by Joe Vaughn, Howard Harris, and William Case.

Girl Scouts

In October of 1944, Mrs. Frances Barham, assisted by Mrs. Harold Meyers Hopper, organized the Girl Scouts of Mayodan. Sponsored by the Woman's Club, their meetings were held at the Library. Mrs. Barham moved to Asheboro in 1945, at which time Mrs. Meyers Hoper became Troop leader, assisted by Mrs. Harvey Price, Jr.

In 1946 the Troop was divided into three patrols, with the following leaders: Messrs. Rutley Barham, Louise Ward, Edna Joyce, Doris Glidewell, Bill Gilbert, and Lois Overman. The Girl Scouts became inactive in 1948 but reorganized in 1974 with Mrs. Terry Taylor leader.

Mayodan YMCA

Recreation has always been an important part of Mayodan, and the Washington Mills Company has been the benefactor throughout the years. A baseball field was built and maintained by the company in the thirties when the town had its own team of professional players.

A large white frame building located on Second Avenue served as the town's first YMCA building in the forties. There were bowling lanes, ping pong, shuffleboard, game area and snack bar.

Those who have worked in the "Y" program remember Mr. Agnew Bahnson for giving his full support to the community during his years as an office of the company.

The first general secretary, J. D. Hicks, was employed in 1947. He built a strong "Y" program, the effects of which are still realized in our community today.

A beautiful 400 acre park, staffed by Washington Mills Company, complete with fishing lake, swimming lake, cookout area, pavilion and playground was opened to company employees, their guests and members of the "Y" in 1948.

In 1954, a $400,000 YMCA was built with Washington Mills Company funds. This has been the community recreational facility for years — subsidized by Washington Mills Company for the benefit of all who use it.

In 1973, Madison-Mayodan Recreation Committee leased the building and are at the present time operating the program with both towns and local industries assisting in the operation financially. Today, the M-M Recreation Center continues to meet the need of the community under the supervision of Bernie Blaney, Recreation Director.

Mayodan Library

The town's first library was established in 1899 through the efforts of the Mayodan Moravian congregation. Books were purchased by the agreement that one-half of the Sunday School collection would be donated for that purpose.

This library was used until the first Rockingham County Library unit of Mayodan began its operation in a local drugstore. Miss Lillian Gillette served as librarian and as the circulations grew, Mrs. J. C. Johnson took over the responsibility.

In 1940 the newly organized Junior Woman's Club became interested in the construction of a library. They decided to make "a real library for Mayodan" their project. Washington Mills Company offered to the club a lot with a two room house already erected, and agreed to re-build the house in order to make an adequate reading and work room. The club accepted this gift on behalf of the Town of Mayodan, and the furnishings were contributed by interested

individuals.

A new wing was added in 1961 by Washington Mills Company, new furniture and equipment was purchased in 1962; and additional shelving was added in 1971.

Today approximately 9000 books are on the shelves at the library. The Rockingham County bookmobile services the library twice monthly with an exchange of new books and current title. Mrs. Dora Archer serves as librarian today.

Madison-Mayodan Airport

The Madison-Mayodan Airport was first operated by Charles E. Bailey, offering charter service, flight instructions, fuel and repair service.

Mr. Bailey was widely known as a stunt pilot until he lost his life while performing in an air show at Virginia Beach, Virginia. He built his own plane, christened "The Thing", which measured 12' x 12', and could perform with great speed.

In 1964-65 the north-south runway was graded to its present length of 3000 feet at which time the east-west runway was closed. Lights were also installed in 1965.

Although no services are offered at this time it still remains on the Federal charts as an active airport with 14 airplanes based there.

Radio Station WMYN

In July of 1957 Station WMYN signed on the air to serve the western part of Rockingham County and the eastern part of Stokes. The station is owned by the Mayo Broadcasting Corporation, operating at a frequency of 1420 khz. WMYN is a medium of advertising, news, and entertainment, dedicated to public service. Many civic clubs call on the station for help in publicizing various projects.

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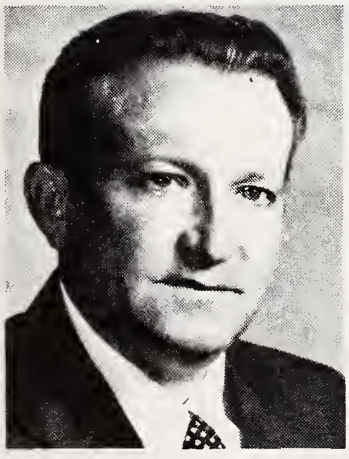

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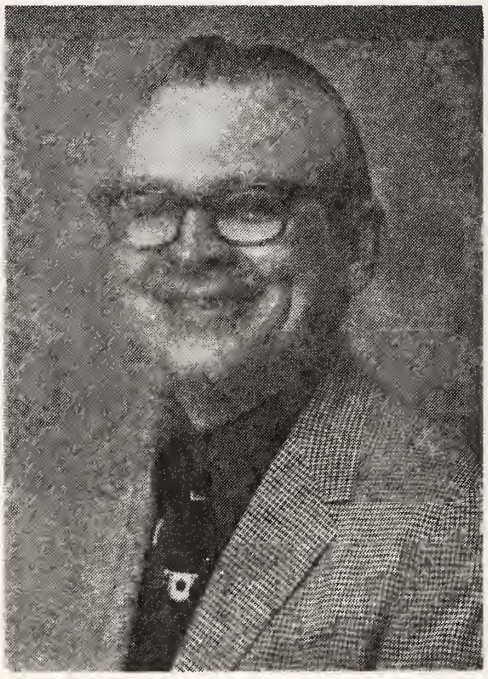

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